

COLUMBIA NEWS.

OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.
Miss Alice Welsh, returned yesterday from a visit down towards the Maryland line.

The Pennsylvania railroad company have cut down their freight trains to meet the demands of the weather. No more does an engine eastward have thirty-six cars.

Despite the nearness to Christmas, market this morning was dull and heavy.

The above brigade is still in force. The church people are busy with their decorations.

Misses Nannie Buckius and Mary Wilson, of the Mountain Seminary, Huntingdon, Pa., are home for the holidays.

The ministers of the Protestant churches of Columbia, at their regular weekly meeting, held yesterday morning in the parlors of the Reformed church, decided upon a programme of exercises for the week of prayer to be held in the early part of January—the first week of the month, we are informed.

Company H drilled last evening with only sixteen men in line. Corporal L. K. Fondersmith was acting first sergeant.

The Philadelphia & Reading railroad company have adopted special rates for the extension rates for Christmas and the holiday week. The main line and all its branches are included. The rates are just about the same as those decided upon by the Pennsylvania railroad company.

The "arms" have been here for some time, but the wire which is being furnished from Massachusetts, has not yet arrived. This makes but little difference, however, as it can be stretched at any time and will not cause any detention even if it does not reach here for a couple of days. A force of men were here to go to work in erecting poles this morning, but on account of the snow storm it was decided to put the work off until the weather becomes more pleasant or at least adaptable to the work.

The question just now with most people is: "Is this winter's snow?" Yesterday afternoon about eleven o'clock the flakes began falling, and up to this writing they have ever since continued in their downward course. As a result the ground is now covered with snow to the depth of seven or eight inches, and it is still falling. How long it will continue cannot be safely guessed at, but the appearance of things overhead would warrant one in saying "for the balance of the day at any rate."

The fortunate possessors of horses and sleighs were out in force this morning, and the sleighs appeared to run very easily. We may have an old-fashioned snowy Christmas and Santa Claus may again rig up his reindeer and with a sleigh full of toys and jingling bells, make a marvelous time over the horse tops. At 12 m. it was still raining.

Miss Rose Shuman left here at 1:05 o'clock yesterday afternoon to accept a position in the United States unit at Philadelphia. Andrew Shuman, an uncle to the young lady, is lieutenant governor of the state of Illinois. He is a close friend of the Hon. Simon Cameron, and to this influence may possibly be traced the success of Miss Shuman in securing the position.

Helen Potter's Pleiades will again appear before a large audience on Christmas night, and if we mistake not will be as warmly greeted as on their first appearance here. In her impersonations Miss Potter will include the role of Mlle. Sara Bernhardt, which of itself is bound to draw where her name is known.

Some changes have been made in the company and the Swedish lady vocal quartet has stepped aside to make room for a quartet of lady violinists.

SAD ACCIDENT.
A Well-Known Railroad Man Almost Instantly Killed at John R. Bitter's Warehouse.

Narrow Escape of William Bitter.
This morning between 7 and 8 o'clock John R. Bitter, who resided at the southwest corner of Prince and Walnut streets, was almost instantly killed by a train.

William Bitter, a son of John R. Bitter, was on the platform of the last car when the signal was given to start, the former having charge of the brake. The train was backed with such great force that the car on which the men were ran off the end of the siding, jumped over the pieces of timber and went crashing into the old shed. Young Bitter saw the danger, and went into the door of the car saving his life.

Mr. Bitter thought that the danger had remained at his brake, which he kept applying. He was crushed between the car and the timber of the shed and died in a few minutes. He was carried into the house occupied by Joseph Bitter as a restaurant. Afterward his body was removed to his late home.

It was said by some that the cause of the accident was the failure of the brakes to work, owing to the snowy condition of the track. Reese always kept his brakes in excellent condition. Many think that the accident was the cause of fast running, and they allege that the train was being backed at a rate of speed which was unnecessary high.

The deceased man was between 35 and 40 years of age. He was married and leaves a wife and three children. He has always been a sober industrious man who enjoyed the confidence of his employer and had a great many friends.

Coroner Misher inquired a jury, consisting of Capt. John A. Schell, Jacob Stauffer, Samuel Rosh, John Creamer, Jeremiah B. Snyder and ——— Fisher. Dr. Compton made an examination of the body and found that one arm was broken and there was a black mark about the abdomen. The injuries causing his death were internal.

Later News.
This afternoon the conductor, engineer, firemen and brakemen of the train which shifted the cars were examined by the coroner's jury. They testified that the cars were not run in with more force than usual. When the train started to back the last of the three cars was about the length of a car above the switch, and when the engine stopped it was still above the switch.

After the train had stopped Mr. Reese still beckoned the engineer to come back farther; when the railroad men heard that Reese was hurt they drew the cars away as quickly as possible; owing to the slippery condition of the track this morning it was very difficult for the brakes to hold the cars; if they would slide they would be apt to run off. Mr. Reese always told the railroad men to get off, that he would take charge of his cars; when they reached Lancaster, they asked him if the

siding would hold the cars, and he said it would; he said this should give the cars a "shot" when they arrived here. Wm. Bitter, who was on the train with Reese, testified that he got on to get the manifest from Reese, he told Reese that the cars were going to back and he intended to get off, as he might be an accident; Reese told him not to do so; the witness went into the car door before it struck the shed; Reese had his break on tightly and seemed to be very cool. Another witness saw Reese pull on the train and the wheels were sliding; he ran to the shed when the car struck it, thinking both men were killed. Another witness stated that the cars came in with great force this morning.

The jury adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

More Tobacco Sales.
Henry Leaman, of Strasburg township, has sold his crop of tobacco to A. Harnish, of Lancaster, for \$27,100, 31 m. W. W. Witman, two acres, to same, at 23, 10, 4; John Dohy, three acres, to same, at 24, 8, 4; Philip Delfave, five acres, to same, at 24, 8, 4; Wm. McCaa, three acres, to same, at 20, 4, 3.

Adler Brown, of Strasburg borough, has sold his crop of three acres for 20, 8, 3. Tobias Hilbeck, of Paradise, has sold his crop at 20, 8, 3.

Sale of Real Estate.
Jacob Gunkler, auctioneer, sold at the Jacob Horse hotel last night, for the executors of Elizabeth Brecht, deceased, two houses on South Prince street, Nos. 131 and 136, to Michael Brecht, for \$4,000.

No. 2, a lot of ground in the Eighth ward, consisting of 3 acres and 139 perches, to Michael Brecht, for \$1,100.

No. 3, Saloon on the corner of South Duke and Middle streets, to Michael Brecht, for \$2,000.

Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold at public sale yesterday evening, at Cooper house, for John K. Metzger, administrator of J. D. Metzger, dec'd., No. 2, a three-story brick house fronting 14 feet and 4 inches on East King street, and extending in depth 32 feet 2 inches, to D. P. Leach, for \$9,025.00.

No. 1, dwelling house on East King near Shippen was withdrawn at \$5,000.

Box to Make Skating all "the Go."
After every snow, let a few energetic boys select a good sheet of ice, on the creek, or convenient sheet of ice, and clear it of snow, and collect about a dime from each skater as he comes on the ice. The public should be informed of these places cleared for skating by a line in the papers, and we venture to say they would gladly patronize it, especially during the holidays. By this means there might be good skating here the greater part of the winter, and it would soon be quite in vogue.

Happy and Prosperous.
H. R. Swope writes from Avilla, Mo., that the INTELLIGENCER is read with much pleasure by his family, removed thither four years ago from Lancaster county; that he and his family are happy and prosperous in the great Southwest, and that no better land and farmers can be found in Jasper county, Missouri.

Sale of Horses.
Samuel Hess & Son, auctioneers, sold at public sale at the Merriman house, Lancaster city, for Geo. Grossman, 23 head of Canada horses at an average of \$168 per head, amongst which was a mare colt for \$230.

For Ten Years.
Sheriff Strine took Lewis Sowers, who was convicted of manslaughter, to the Eastern penitentiary this morning.

New Store Opening.
The new dry goods store of Metzger, Bard & Haughman opened according to announcement yesterday, and the occasion was signalized by the presence and patronage of thousands of people, and a large number of people. Those who inspected the stock laid in by the new firm found it to be large, well selected and in price adapted to a progressive trade. It is arranged in the store rooms to the best convenience of the proprietors and patrons, and good light in every quarter enables purchasers to see what they buy. If yesterday's trade can be taken as an index the "new departure" is already an assured success.

A Word About Jewelry.
Among the embarrassing variety of articles suitable for Christmas presents, some ladies and gentlemen are greatly exercised as to what to buy for their friends. Many to whom presents ought to be given are so amply supplied with beautiful things which have served as tokens of compliment and esteem, that it seems almost impossible to select anything which would be a real gratification to them. In such cases it is always safe to fall back on jewelry. Jewelry is at all times suitable, and it is always novel and it is always new, and to avoid risk of duplicating or repeating presents of former years. The new styles of "solitaire" rings, diamonds and rubies, and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, present a wealth of attraction, both for ladies and gentlemen, and in articles both large and small, costly or inexpensive. These new and small things have the advantage of being useful, and they invariably get the very best quality and the most superior styles, and that the price marked on each article is the very lowest.

Amusements.
Robinson and Crane, appear at Fulton opera house this evening, in the new piece written especially for them and entitled "The Merry Widow." The fame of the comedienne is established, and it need only be said that during the present season they have been more than sustaining it in this amusing play.

Widow Reddy.
To-morrow night Mr. Haverly's "Widow Reddy" company appear at Fulton opera house in Petroleum V. Nasby's humorous comedy of that name. The troupe are described as up to the usual order of all Haverly's comedienne, and the reward will be promptly paid as soon as the article in controversy is produced. But the mere name of the gentleman that he has or can manufacture everything belonging to a first-class comedian from the raw material, and will do so again, will perhaps have its intended effect only among the public who are unacquainted with the different parts and attachments necessary to complete a cabinet organ. I hereby repeat my former offer, viz: \$500 reward for any cabinet organ that has ever been, or is now, manufactured in this city or county. But in offering the above reward I desire it to be distinctly understood that it does not include the E. P. Carpenter organ action, manufactured in Worcester, Mass., for which Mr. Alex. McKillips, of this city, is the sole agent for this county, as the following card will prove—the original can be seen at my warehouse:

THE CARPENTER ORGAN ACTION.
Worcester, Mass., Aug. 27, 1879.
In reply to your favor of several days since, would refer you to Alex. McKillips, eq., of your city, sole agent for my actions in your county. Yours with respect,
E. P. CARPENTER.

I am happy, however, to be able to give Mr. McKillips credit for some degree of honesty.

when he says that in order "to get out a first-class instrument at a fair price, this business like most others has been divided into several classes; namely, key makers, reel makers and board-makers, and as it is only the case-makers and board-makers who are the real makers of the work—which is done even to the stending of the name of the reputed manufacturer on the instrument) in Worcester, Mass., by the maker of the organ, E. P. Carpenter. Now, what does Mr. McKillips make of this? The case is certainly not the organ. As I do not wish to make this a paper controversy, I therefore await the production of a pure home made organ, to claim the above reward and will gladly give him the benefit of my advertisement.

FRANK J. STEINHAUSER.
Prof. Guilmette's French Kidney Pad cures by absorption, all diseases of the kidneys and urinary organs. Try it.

Nothing is too good for our baby—no, not even Catnip Soap.

A Pout-Mouthed Woman
is worse than a fount-mouthed man. But no one need be fount-mouthed if they will only use SOZODONT and rub it in well. Don't spare the brush and scrub the mouth, as some parents do with their children when they without the aid of a medicine.

Disease prevented and medical bills lessened by a timely use of Malt Bitters.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
It is impossible for a woman after a faithful course of treatment with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to continue to suffer with a weakness of the uterus. Endorse a stamp to Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, 235 Western Avenue, Lynn, Mass., for pamphlets.

The Popular Demand.
So great has been the popular demand for the celebrated remedy, Kidney-Tonic, that it is having an immense sale from Maine to California. Some have found it inconvenient to prepare it from the dry compound. For such the proprietors now prepare it in liquid form, which can be prepared at the drugists. It has precisely the same effect as the dry, but is much smaller—Lancet Mail.

"Every man to his trade" is an old saying, and the more closely a person applies himself to his own trade, the more proficient he becomes in it. Some have found it inconvenient to prepare it from the dry compound. For such the proprietors now prepare it in liquid form, which can be prepared at the drugists. It has precisely the same effect as the dry, but is much smaller—Lancet Mail.

Coughs.
"Brown's Bronchial Troches" are used with advantage to alleviate the Throat, Hoarseness and Bronchial Affections. For thirty years these Troches have been in use, with annually increasing favor. They are not new and untried, but having been tested by wide and constant use for nearly an entire generation, they have attained well-earned rank among the low staple remedies of the day.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" act directly on the organs of the voice. They have an extraordinary effect in all disorders of the Throat and Larynx, restoring a healthy voice when relaxed, either from cold or over-exertion of the voice, and produce a clear and distinct enunciation. *Speakers and Singers* find the Troches useful.

A Cough, Croup, or Sore Throat requires immediate attention, as neglect often results in some incurable Lung Disease. "Brown's Bronchial Troches" are used with advantage to alleviate the Throat, Hoarseness and Bronchial Affections. For thirty years these Troches have been in use, with annually increasing favor. They are not new and untried, but having been tested by wide and constant use for nearly an entire generation, they have attained well-earned rank among the low staple remedies of the day.

It is Worth a Trial.
"I was troubled for many years with Kidney Complaint, Gravel, &c.; my blood became thick; I was dull and inactive; could hardly crawl about, and was an old worn-out man at last, and could get nothing to help me, until I got Brown's Kidney and Bladder Troches. My blood and kidneys are all right, and I am as active as a man of 30, although I am 74, and I have no doubt it will do as well for you as it did for me." (Father.)

New Jersey Wine.
This wine for sickness has long been in popular favor, but by no means introducing in its nature. We refer to Speer's Port Grape Wine, which has been introduced into the hospitals and among the first families in New York, the principal drug stores in this city, by Alfred Speer, of Passaic, N. J., who has devoted himself for many years to the cultivation of the Porto Grape, and the study of the medicinal properties of which are said by gentlemen of reputation to be unsurpassed. Mr. Speer ferments his wine by a new process, peculiar to himself, without the addition of sugar or spirits. We doubt whether there is a wine in the old or new world that can yield a wine at all comparable to this in richness or delicacy of flavor. All first class druggists keep it.

The above extract from the New York Herald shows the appreciation in which Speer's wine is held abroad. We have drunk the wine and can truthfully endorse what the above extract says concerning its good qualities. The way in which it is marketed by Mr. Speer gives it a finer flavor than any wine we ever drank. —Boston Traveler.

This wine is endorsed by Drs. Allen and Davis, and for sale by H. E. Slaymaker, 415-2nd St.

MARRIAGE.
SHEAFFER-SCHULZ—Dec. 19, 1880, by Rev. D. W. Gerhard, at the Reformed parsonage, New Holland, Henry M. Sheaffer, of Upper Merion, to Miss Lizzie Schulz, of West Earl.

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we remain
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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!
We have not time or space to enumerate the many articles that will make beautiful and useful Christmas Presents. But by an examination of our stock you will be sure to find something suitable for your purpose. Call and see, whether you want an article costing One Dollar or One Thousand Dollars.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—For the Middle states generally cloudy weather and snow, northerly to westerly winds, rising temperature, stationary or slight fall in temperature, and in the southern portions clearing weather to-night.

BURNED TO DEATH.
A Terrible Crime and Terrible Punishment.
MEMPHIS, Dec. 21.—A special from Tupelo, Miss., gives the following account of a most horrible crime committed in Monroe county, Miss.: On Saturday night two men, giving the name of Miller, prevailed upon Mr. Brown Redding to allow them to sleep in his house over night. About 11 o'clock neighbors found flames issuing from the house, and the house was destroyed. Search in the ruins revealed the charred remains of Mr. Redding, his wife and little daughter. The two strange men were then pursued, and one of them being captured, told a story to the effect that he and his accomplice chloroformed the family, secured twenty-seven dollars in money, watch and some clothing, fired the house and fled. His captors then determined that he should be punished with his own weapons. They pinioned him, arranged pin splinters saturated with chloroform around him, and set them on fire. Diligent search is being made for the other murderer, who if caught will doubtless share the same fate.

OKLAHOMA.
The Proposition to Open it to Settlers.
CADDISBURG, Kan., Dec. 21.—Col. R. J. Dodge, late in command of Cantonment, is on his way to report to Gen. Sherman. He is decidedly in favor of opening Oklahoma to settlers, but believes that the Indians should have their land partitioned out in severalty.

Major Randall denies having said he would turn the Indians on the whites, but thinks the Indians likely to turn on them should they attempt to force their way against the military. The colonists claim that the land they propose settling was ceded to the government in 1806, and is not subject to being classed as raiders and law-breakers. Secret meetings were held by the colony leaders yesterday, with what result has not transpired.

CONGRESS.
Proceedings in the Senate.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—In the Senate, Mr. Beck introduced a bill to authorize the issue of legal tender notes of gold. Also a bill to repeal all laws which impose taxes on the capital or deposits with banks and bankers and on bank checks.

Mr. William A. Wheeler submitted a letter from Secretary Schurz setting forth the necessity for additional appropriations, for the necessary during the current fiscal year. The additional amount required is about \$18,000,000.

Proceedings in the House.
The House is now in committee on the funding bill, all the attempts of Mr. Fernando Wood to limit debate being voted down and a confusion. An excited opposition manifested itself toward the funding bill. Messrs. Weaver, Bland and Mills spoke strongly against its consideration before the holidays.

BY WIRE.
Telegraphic News of To-day.
A tenant farmer named Mullen, returning from the Baltimore market, was fired upon by six men last night, and instantly killed. The assassination was the outgrowth of a land quarrel.

The Reading receivers at their meeting to-day considered the complaint of the holders of the Schuylkill navigation improvement bonds, the interest of which they announced would be paid at 5 per cent. instead of the full rate agreed upon in the contract. No definite action was had.

Orange men and Protestant farmers held an enthusiastic demonstration at Colrain, county Limerick, Ireland, last night, denouncing the land agitation.

Hurt on the Railroad.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—While the Trenton & Philadelphia accommodation was taking on passengers at Bristol this morning, the express loaded for New York ran past, severely injuring John and Andrew O'Donnell, Patrick Huston and Geo. Wane. One of them is thought to be fatally hurt.

PROMISE OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS.
SHEPHERD, Va., Dec. 21.—Snow still continues to fall rapidly. The storm extends far beyond the North Carolina line, and there are no indications of its abatement.

Ten of a Crew Lost.
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Eight of the crew of the British bark Nile, from Quebec for Cardiff, which capsized on November 22, were drowned, including the master and second mate. Two of the men died after being rescued.

Another Great Coffee Failure.
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Hopple, Woodhead & Co., general merchants of Liverpool, have failed. Liabilities £31,000. The failure was caused chiefly by losses in coffee.

Planning Mill Burned.
BALTO, Dec. 21.—John H. Heald's planing and saw mill in this city was destroyed by fire this morning. The damage on the mill and machinery is \$10,000.

New Pennsylvania Postmasters.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Geo. H. Andrews has been appointed postmaster at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Geo. P. Hendricks, at Selingsgrove.

MARKETS.
New York, Dec. 21.—Flour—State and Western prices without important change and very moderate export and home trade demand; the State at \$4.00 1/2; extra do \$4.00 1/2; choice do \$4.00 1/2; round hoop Ohio